



SLOW

DEATH

Featuring...



Ourselves



Our Posterity

I feel funny.

NO. 10



CANCER

SPECIAL

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HEY KIDDOS! IT'S ANOTHER SICK ISSUE OF SLOW DEATH... THIS TIME AROUND WE GOT A DOSE OF STRONG MEDICINE FOR YA... STORIES ON RADIUM TREATMENT THAT'LL SINGE YER PUBES... STORIES ON ASBESTOS

THAT'LL HAVE YOU IN SPASMS... PATRIOTIC STORIES ABOUT THE ALL AMERICAN DISEASE... THE BIG C... STORIES ABOUT THE BOYS WHO PROFIT FROM THIS POT-POURRI OF PLAGUE... THE AMA! THEN FOR ALL YOU HEAVIES, WE GOT THE HARD STUFF... AGENT

ORANGE, DIOXIN, & HAPPY MR. HERPES! SO READ ON, BUT WHEN YOU'VE FINISHED, BE SURE TO WASH YOUR HANDS.

HOLD ON DONALD, THIS WON'T HURT! ... JUST A NASTY LITTLE PRICK AND THEN DEEP SLEEP!

WAK!
WAK!

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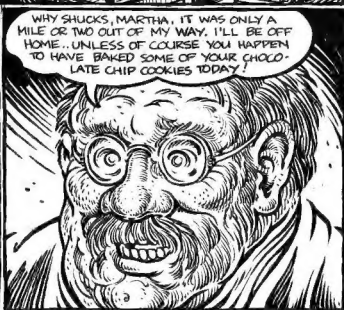
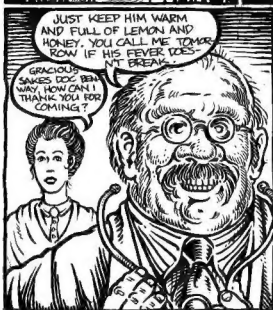
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a wonderful spirit, who inspired
this issue and died during its
production—not of the cancer she had,
but of the cure: excessive radiation and
chemotherapy, we will miss her.

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I SWEAR, MAR-
THA, YOU MAKE THE
BEST CHOCOLATE
CHIP COOKIES THIS
SIDE OF KEARN
COUNTY!



...AND NOW STAY TUNED FOR THE FRIDAY AFTERNOON
MOVIE... THE TV PREMIERE OF

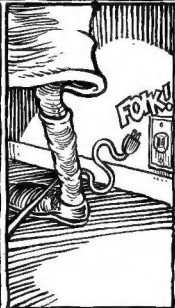
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STARRING RICHARD NIXON AND SAMMY
DAVIS JUNIOR.

...NOBODY KNOW
DE TUMORS
AS SEEN...



R-E-S-P-E-C-T,
FAHN OUT WHAT DAT MEAN
TO ME... WHOA...
SOKITOME SOKITOME
SOKITOME...



UH OH

GURGLE
GUSH GORP
SPLOORR...P



EMERGENCY!
EMERGENCY
ON FOUR!



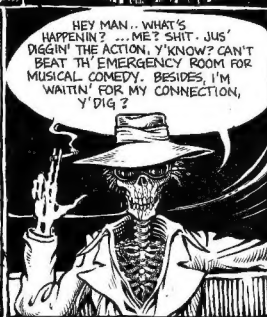
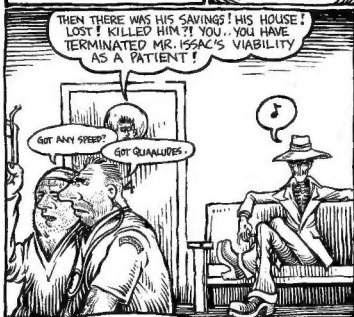
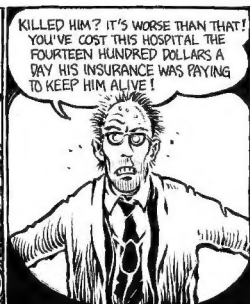
GET THE OPERATING
ROOM READY... FULL STAFF
AND BACKUP UNITS! GET
HIS CHARTS ON THE
COMPUTER!...

I GOT
A REAL
BAD
FEELIN'.

PUNCH
HIS CHEEKS
GET A PU
GOD DR



IT'S TOO LATE...
WE'VE
LOST HIM!



NOW HERE AT LAST GASP WE REALIZE THAT NOT ALL OF YOU FANS GO FOR DRY, INFORMATIVE, EDUCATIONAL-TYPE COMIC STRIPS. ALL YOU SEX AND VIOLENCE FREAKS CAN JUST SKIP TH' FOLLOWING FINE PRINT AND GROOVE ON TH' LITTLE CARTOON HERE WHILE THE REST OF YOU SCHOLARLY TYPES READ ON.



FUN FACTS ABOUT THE MEDICAL INDUSTRIAL COMPLEX.

HEALTH CARE IN THE UNITED STATES IS NOT A SERVICE, BUT AN INDUSTRY.

IT OPERATES LIKE ANY OTHER INDUSTRY IN THAT IT'S PRIMARY AIM IS TO MAKE PROFITS FOR THE CORPORATIONS THAT CONTROL IT. IT IS DIRECTED AT EXPLOITING EXISTING MARKETS AND CREATING NEW ONES. EMPHASIS IN DETERMINING NEW MARKETS IS NOT BASED ON THE NEEDS OF THE GENERAL POPULATION, BUT RATHER ON HOW LUCRATIVE A POTENTIAL MARKET WILL BE.

MEDICINE IN AMERICA IS CONTROLLED PRIMARILY BY LARGE CORPORATIONS WITH DIVERSIFIED INTERESTS. THE SAME COMPANIES THAT MAKE THE DRUGS PRODUCE CANDY, COFFEE, PASTRIES, FAST FOODS AND CIGARETTES, SUPPORTING THE VERY LIFESTYLE THAT MAKES PEOPLE SICK. THEY ALSO DIRECTLY OR INDIRECTLY CONTROL THE MEDIA, ADVERTISING, AND RESEARCH THAT DETERMINES THE PUBLIC'S ATTITUDE TOWARDS HEALTH, DOCTORS, AND DRUGS. IT IS MORE IMPORTANT THAT A PRODUCT IS PALATABLE THAN EFFECTIVE.

- ✖ 25 CENTS OF EVERY DOLLAR SPENT ON DRUGS GOES FOR MARKETING... PROMOTION, PACKAGING, ETC... MOST OF IT AIMED AT THE FAMILY DOCTOR WHO WILL PUSH THE STUFF OFF ON HIS PATIENTS.
- ✖ OF THE 10 CENTS OR SO THAT GOES INTO RESEARCH, 8 WILL BE SPENT ON DEVELOPING "NEW" PRODUCT - NEW VERSIONS OF EXISTING DRUGS, DRUGS WITH QUESTIONABLE EFFECT, "ADDITIVES", ETC.
- ✖ MOVING PRODUCT IS MORE IMPORTANT THAN QUALITY OR SAFETY. THE IDEA IS TO SELL FIRST AND ASK QUESTIONS LATER. THUS WE'VE HAD D.E.S., THALIDOMIDE, CANCER CAUSING CHEMOTHERAPY, ETC.
- ✖ THE "PILL" IS A GREAT EXAMPLE OF THE "BONANZA MARKET" DRUG COMPANIES DREAM OF. GIGANTIC SALES FOR 10 YEARS OR SO, UNTIL THE CANCER STATISTICS COME IN, THEN A BIG PUSH TO THE FOREIGN (3rd WORLD) MARKET.
- ✖ THE DRUG COMPANIES ARE LITERALLY PUSHERS. BETTER TO SELL JUNKIES METHADONE THROUGH GOV'T. PROGRAMS THAN TO HAVE THAT MONEY OUT ON THE STREET.

HOSPITALS, MEDICAL SUPPLIERS, GERIATRIC HOMES, ALL ASPECTS OF MEDICAL CARE ARE A PART OF A VAST MARKETING COMPLEX. THE EMPHASIS IS ON HIGH COST PRIVATE FACILITIES, BUT THE POOR'S POTENTIAL AS A PROFIT SOURCE IS NOT IGNORED.

- ✖ CONTROLLED QUALITY AND QUANTITY OF PUBLIC FACILITIES STRATIFIES THE MARKET. IF COUNTY HOSPITALS ARE CROWDED AND FACILITIES INADEQUATE, PEOPLE WILL TURN TO PRIVATE FACILITIES. OF COURSE THE COST OF PRIVATE HOSPITALS AND TREATMENT IS PROHIBITIVELY HIGH, AND PEOPLE MUST DEPEND ON THE INSURANCE COMPANIES, OFTEN CORPORATE OCTOPUSES THAT INVEST IN, OR OWN THE COMPANIES THAT WILL SUPPLY THE SICK'S NEEDS, NOT TO MENTION OTHER COUNTER-HEALTH INVESTMENTS.
- ✖ THE POOR, AIDED BY MEDICARE, MEDICAID, ETC., FORM A VAST MARKET FOR SECOND-CLASS SERVICES. HAND IN GLOVE WITH THE GOV'T. AGENCIES WHO CREATE MEDICAL CARE FOR THOSE WHO COULD OTHERWISE NOT AFFORD IT, THE CORPORATIONS ARE GUARANTEED NOT ONLY A GIGANTIC POOL OF CONSUMERS, BUT ALSO A HANDY TESTING GROUND FOR QUESTIONABLE OR UNTRIED PRODUCTS.
- ✖ THE ULTIMATE IN GUARANTEED MARKETS IS THE OLD AGE/DEATH MARKET. A PROLONGED, COSTLY DEMISE IS THE MARK OF THE AMERICAN WAY OF EXPIRATION. BY KEEPING A PATIENT ALIVE AS LONG AS POSSIBLE, MAXIMUM PROFIT CAN BE REALIZED. DYING GERIATRICS ARE RELATIVELY TROUBLE FREE, LOW MAINTENANCE... THE IDEAL CUSTOMER, A CAPTIVE CLASS OF CONSUMER.



MORE FUN FACTS ... THE DOCTORS & THE AMA.

THE AMERICAN MEDICAL ASSOCIATION EXISTS AS THE MAIN BODY FOR PROTECTING THE INTERESTS OF THE DOCTORS IN THIS COUNTRY, A WHITE MALE DOMINATED ELITE GROUP WHOSE TRAINING IS AIMED AT MAINTAINING THE STATUS QUO WHILE REALIZING MAXIMUM PROFITS. THE AMA'S MEANS OF CONTROL BEGINS AT THE SOURCE .. THE BOARDS FOR ACCREDITATION & STANDARDS OF NEW DOCTORS, THE STANDARDS AND REQUIREMENTS FOR ENTRANCE INTO MEDICAL SCHOOLS, THE NUMBERS OF NEW SCHOOLS, TUITION, ETC. ARE AMA CONTROLLED..

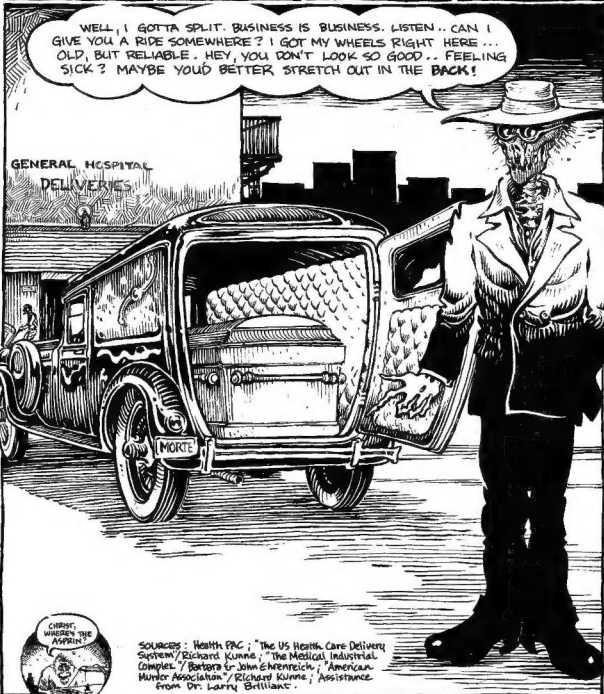
- ✱ ONLY 5% OF ALL MEDICAL SCHOOL GRADUATES BECOME GENERAL PRACTITIONERS. EMPHASIS IS ON PRODUCING SPECIALISTS, USUALLY IN A FIELD WHICH RELIES HEAVILY ON HIGH LEVEL TECHNOLOGY. EVEN WITH THE BEST HUMANITARIAN MOTIVES, MOST SURVIVORS OF MEDICAL SCHOOLS END UP OPTING FOR HIGH PROFIT/ LOW WORKLOAD FIELDS. AFTER A FEW YEARS OF HIGH PRESSURE INTERNSHIP AND TWENTY HOUR DAYS, PATIENTS BECOME A DEHUMANIZED COMMODITY AND A PRIVATE, HIGH PAYING PRACTICE BEGINS TO LOOK PRETTY GOOD. CHARITY WARDS AND COUNTY HOSPITALS ARE A GREAT TRAINING GROUND, BUT IT AIN'T GONNA GET YOU A MERCEDES BENZ. BRAIN SURGERY MIGHT.
- ✱ THE AMA ALSO CONTROLS THE NUMBERS OF PHYSICIANS THE MEDICAL SCHOOLS WILL PRODUCE, INSURING LACK OF COMPETITION AND SURE JOBS FOR AMA MEMBERS. MOST OF THESE AMA MEMBERS WILL BE WHITE, UPPER MIDDLE CLASS MALES (...SEE THE RECENT BAKKE DECISION IF YOU DON'T BELIEVE IT.)

THE AMA DEFINES AND CONTROLS THE PROFESSIONAL ROLE OF THE DOCTOR.

- ✱ THE ROLE OF THE DOCTOR IS ILLNESS/SYMPTOM REMOVAL AS OPPOSED TO HEALTH ENHANCEMENT. PREVENTATIVE MEDICINE, HOLISTIC APPROACHES, ETC. ARE SIMPLY NOT AS PROFITABLE AS THE TREATMENT OF SYMPTOMS. THE DOCTOR ACTUALLY HAS A CERTAIN INVESTMENT IN THE ILLNESS OF HIS PATIENTS : ILLNESS AS COMMODITY.
- ✱ THE ROLE OF THE DOCTOR AS OMNIPOTENT HOLDER OF SECRET KNOWLEDGE & SKILLS. THIS ROLE IS PROTECTED BY LIMITING THE PRACTICE OF NON-MD'S. PARAMEDICS, MIDWIVES, HEALERS, AND EVEN NURSES ARE LEGALLY RESTRICTED FROM PERFORMING EVEN THE MOST ROUTINE PROCEDURES WHICH ARE THE EXCLUSIVE REALM OF THE MD.
- ✱ TECHNIQUES ALIEN TO WESTERN MEDICINE (WESTERN THOUGHT) ARE SUPPRESSED OR CONTROLLED. ACUPUNCTURE, CHIROPRACTIC, NATURAL HEALING, ETC. ARE DEPICTED BY AMA/CORPORATE MEDIA AS QUACKERY OR FANATICISM. INTERESTING TO NOTE THAT IN THE CASE OF ACUPUNCTURE, AN EFFECTIVE TECHNIQUE THAT HAS BEEN UNDERSTOOD AND USED IN ASIA FOR AS LONG AS WESTERN CIVILIZATION HAS BEEN AROUND, AN M.D. WITH NO TRAINING AT ALL IN ACUPUNCTURE THEORY OR TECHNIQUE IS FREE TO PRACTICE NEEDLING, WHEREAS A TRAINED ACUPUNCTURIST CANNOT LEGALLY PRACTICE "MEDICINE".

THE AMA HAS SYSTEMATICALLY FOUGHT PROGRESSIVE LEGISLATION, HAS PERPETUATED A DUAL SYSTEM OF CARE - ONE FOR THE RICH AND ONE FOR THE POOR, HAS MADE INACCESSABLE FREE, EQUAL, COMPREHENSIVE CONSUMER CONTROLLED HEALTH CARE IN ORDER TO PROTECT THEIR OWN "RIGHT TO PROFIT" FROM THE HEALTH INDUSTRY.

- ✱ IT'S IMPORTANT TO NOTE THAT MANY DOCTORS ARE NOT INEPT GREEDHEADS. THE POINT IS THAT THE SYSTEM THAT PRODUCES AND IN MANY WAYS CONTROLS MD'S IS A HIDEOUS MONSTER, INCAPABLE OF MEETING THE NEEDS OF THE POPULACE. SOME MD'S I KNOW SEEM TO BE GENUINELY MOTIVATED BY A DESIRE TO ALLEVIATE HUMAN SUFFERING. THEY ALL APPEAR TO BE GREAT TECHNICIANS. EVEN MY DENTIST, A HELLUVA NICE GUY, SEEMS TO BE GENUINELY DEDICATED TO TEETH. ON THE OTHER HAND, MAYBE IT'S HIS FETISH.



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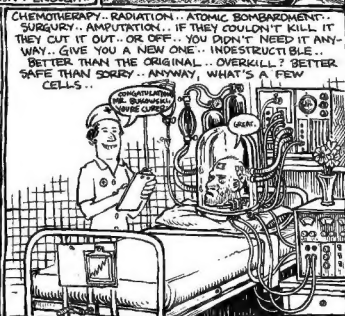
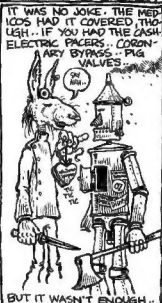
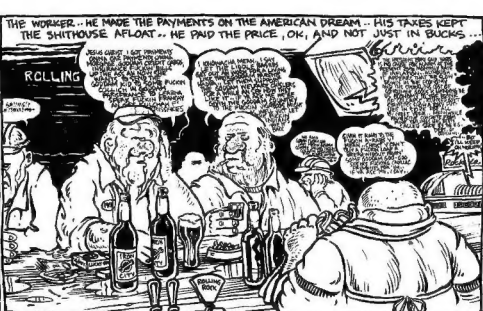


YOU GOTTA ADJUST, MAN. THIS IS THE NEW WAVE .. SURVIVAL OF THE FITTEST .. I GOTTA ADMIT, THE GOOD OLD DAYS HAD THEIR MOMENTS, BUT THAT WAS BEFORE THE WHOLE SHITHOUSE GOT

CORPORATE CANCER

YEAH.. THE GOOD OLD DAYS. DOLLAR CUPPA COFFEE.. BOTTOMLESS CUP.. THOSE DAYS IT WAS STILL FUN TO TRY TO BEAT THE SYSTEM .. THE HEART ATTACK MACHINE .. THE BIG C .. IT WAS A REAL CHALLENGE IF YOU WERE A WORKER .. LIKE JOE HERE..





WITH AN AVERAGE "CURE" GOIN' AT \$30,000 A POP, CANCER TREATMENT ADDED UP TO BIG BUSINESS



...AND THE HEALTH INDUSTRY OCTOPUS WAS NOT A SIMPLE ORGANISM. BIG INVESTMENT DEMANDS BIG PROTECTION. THE VERY CORPORATION THAT SOLD YOU THE CURE PRODUCED TONS OF CRAP SEEMINGLY DESIGNED ONLY TO KEEP DOCTORS IN BUSINESS..



MOUNTAINS OF TOXIC JUNK GUARENTEED TO MAKE YOU SICK.

NONFOOD EDIBLES BY THE CARLOAD SEAS OF CHEMICAL ADDITIVES..



IN THE BOYS YOU COULD DRIVE COAST TO COAST EATING IN RESTAURANTS ALL THE WAY AND REAL FOOD WOULD NEVER TOUCH YOUR LIPS... THAT IS, IF YOU COULD AFFORD THE GAS. EVEN NON- JUNK FOODS WERE SATURATED BY CARCINOGENIC STORMS IN THE FIELDS.. TOXIC TYPHOONS SATURATED GRAINS & PRODUCE..

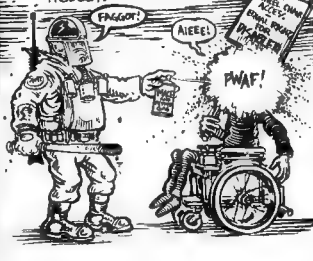


POISONOUS CLOUDS DRIFTED ACROSS THE FACE OF AMERICA. TOXINS DEVELOPED TO RID THE STERILE FIELDS OF RESISTANT PESTS POLLUTED HER WATERS..

THE CORPORATE CANCER COMPANIES CHURNED OUT NEW CASES WITH EVERY PRODUCT THEY INTRODUCED. DEATH IN SHINY PACKAGING.. THE STUFF TOO OBVIOUSLY LETHAL WAS EXPORTED TO THE THIRD WORLD..



THE HEAVIER STUFF FOUND DOMESTIC MARKETS AS WELL... NATIONAL SECURITY IS NOT A BAD SALES PITCH FOR MOVING PRODUCT.



THE FOREIGN MARKET WAS THE BEST OUTLET FOR THE REAL CRUSHER STUFF. KOREAS, CAMBODIAS, VIETNAMS... WEATHER CONTROL, DEFOLIATION, AND GOOD OLDFASHIONED HARDWARE.



Oops, I think that was some of our guys.

SHIT LIKE THE M34 CLUSTER BOMB FOR INSTANCE... CONTAINS 76 (COUNT 'EM) M125A1 NON PERSISTANT Gas Bombs, each containing 2.6 Lbs. of GB Sarin Nerve Gas... OR MAYBE THE AN-M47 A2 100 LB. All Purpose Chemical Bomb containing Mustard Gas, White Phosphorus, Phosgene, Hydrocyanic Gas, or Flaming Jelly. Whoopie!

IF JOHNNY CAME MARCHING HOME AT ALL, IT WAS AS LIKELY WITH A DOSE OF AGENT ORANGE AS WITH A DOSE OF VIET CLAP.



HURRY UP, VIET CLAP!

MEANWHILE BACK IN THE JUNGLE, THE FACTORIES, THE MILLS, THE MINES, THE INDUSTRIAL PITS WERE AS DEADLY AS ANY BATTLE FIELD. THE FOLKS WHO SURVIVED JUNK LIFESTYLE DROPPED ON THE JOB... LUNGFULS OF ASBESTOS, CHEMICAL CLOUDS...



POISONED VISTAS, DEATHHEAD GRINING, BLACK TEETH, GAPING DEAD EYE SOCKET LIKE SCREAM.



HEY MAN, COOL IT A MINIT!

LISSSEN, I'M THE GUY'S GOTTA DRAW THIS SHIT AND I'VE GOTTA FEW THINGS TO SAY. THIS AIN'T MY IDEA OF A GOOD TIME!



.. YOU THINK DRAWING LITTLE CARTOONS IS FUN, RIGHT? LOTSA LAFFS, HEY? WELL YOU'RE WRONG. IT'S DEPRESSING, IF YOU WANTA KNOW THE TRUTH... I MEAN, CANCER COMICS, CAN YOU DIG IT? IT AIN'T EVEN VAGUELY FUNNY, NO MATTER HOW YA TWIST IT. I'M SURE NOBODY WANTS TO HEAR ABOUT IT, AND I SURE AS SHIT DON'T WANTA HAVE TO THINK ABOUT IT, MUCH LESS COME UP WITH FUNNY CANCER ONE LINERS. AND THE MORE YOU FIND OUT ABOUT IT, THE WORSE IT GETS...



by
FRANK

• WITH APOLOGUES TO VILLIE ELDER •

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WAAA
WAAA

WAAAK!
WAAAK!

COME ON DAD,
MOM, THERE'S
A GOOD BOY. TWO
FR.. BOYDARK

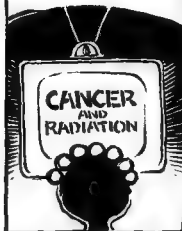
..CHANGED HIS PIPES..

SMUK!

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POOR DARN-
OLD.

DARNOLD'S MAMA SAW A SPECIAL ON THE TUBE ABOUT RADIUM TREATMENTS AND CANCER.



SHUT UP! GODDAM MEDIA QUACKQUACK!



TV SAYS THOSE RADIUM LOLLIPOPS GAVE LOTSA KIDS MALIGNANT THYROID. TWENTY-THIRTY YEARS LATER.



WELL.. MAYBE ALL THAT RADIATION WASN'T SUCH A HOT IDEA, HEH HEH.



YEAH.. HEH HEH, DARNOLD.

DARNOLD'S DAY HAS BEEN RUINED.



HE'S MADE AN APPOINTMENT WITH THE WHITECOATS.. FOR TOMORROW. RIGHT NOW HE'S HEADED FOR THE BAR..



.. HE'S CELEBRATING ZEN WITH HIS FELLOW DEVOTEES.



THE NEXT DAY FINDS DARNOLD AT THE MEDICO'S. THE USUAL FORMS. THE USUAL WAIT. THE USUAL SWEATY PALMS.



THE DOC EXAMINES HIM FOR THE DREADED TELLTALE SIGNS. MYSTERIOUS LUMPS. UNHEALED SORES. BACK MOLES. ABNORMAL DISCHARGE.



THE PRELIMINARY PROBE REVEALS NOTHING. WELL... SO FAR SO GOOD.



HAS DARNOLD GOTTEN AWAY CLEAN...?



.. SO FAR EVERY-THING'S CHECKED NEGATIVE. STILL, WE LIKE TO BE SURE... TO PLAY IT SAFE, SO TO SPEAK. I CAN ARRANGE ALL THE TESTS... NOTHING TO WORRY ABOUT..



THE LATEST LASER SCAN! THE RADIO-CARCINOMA PROBE! THE ATOMIC ENEMA! FAST... ACCURATE...



SHIT YOU ARE! YOU CAN SHOVE THAT GREPSE GUN UP YOUR GODDAMN...

ROUTINE WHAT? YOU GONNA GIVE ME A ROUTINE CASE OF CANCER OF THE BR-AINS ROUTINE?





DARNOLD'S MINISCULE MIND
IS REELING... SMOKING...



TIME TO LEAVE, DARNOLD. DON'T IMPALE
THIS QUACK ON HIS OWN SPECULUM. THEY
'LL PUT YOU IN A PADDLE CELL.



EAT SHIT TURKEYS!



DUCKBURG M
FACILITY
DR. MORRISON MURDER
OR CHOCOLATE MURDER

GOD DAMN! NOTHING BUT
FUCKING SHADE-TREE BUTCHERS.



WHY'D THEY EVER CHOP HIS
DUCKY LITTLE TONSILS IN THE
FIRST PLACE? SACRIFICE
TO WHITECOAT GODS OF
SCIENCE? RITUAL CELL-SNUFF.

THE GOD-
DAM LATER
DAY SAINTS!
HOLY SHIT
FOR-BRAINS!



HE HAS NOTHING TO SHOW FOR THE DAY BUT A BITTER
TASTE IN HIS BEAK AND A BILL FOR FIFTY BUCKS!
BETTER TO TAKE YOUR CHANCES IN THE STREET...



CASE HISTORY OF GREGOR, PURPLEASS BABOON..

by Frong

GREGOR IS WORRIED ABOUT HIS CONDITION.



HE HAS ACHES & PAINS. SORES THAT WON'T HEAL. A HACKING COUGH THAT WON'T QUIT.



THE MORNINGS ARE THE WORST. HE SPEWS BLOOD & PHLEGM FOR HALF AN HOUR OR SO, THEN STAGGERS OUT FOR HIS MORNING CONSTITUTIONAL.



FOUR BLOCKS THRU THE TRAFFIC FUMES AND HE'S READY FOR BREAKFAST. HIS TIMING IS IMPECCABLE... HE'S BEAT THE LUNCH HOUR RUSH.



AFTER 3 DOUBLE ESPRESSOS AND HALF A DOZEN JELLY DONUTS GREGOR IS JACKED ON SUGAR & CAFFEINE. HIS PAINS HAVE SUBSIDED TO A DULL THROB.



HE FEELS OK. HIS HANGOVER IS ALMOST GONE. HIS NOSE ISN'T BLEEDING.



HE STILL HAS FIVE DOLLARS AND HALF A PACK OF CIGARETTES. LIFE IS GOOD. HE'LL LOOK FOR A JOB TOMORROW.



A JOB. CHRIST! HIS LIFESTYLE IS TOO EXPENSIVE. A FORTUNE SPENT ON DEBAUCHERY AND NOTHING TO SHOW FOR IT BUT THE LINES ON HIS FACE.



TWO HOURS AND 3 CAPPUCINOS LATER HE'S STILL AT THE CAFE. HE IS DEPRESSED.



HIS BLOOD SUGAR HAS DROPPED. HE'S HUNGRY AGAIN. THE PAIN IS GNAWING HIS SIDE.



HE THINKS HE HAS CANCER.



FOR SURE HE HAS AN ULCER, PILES, SOME KIND OF VD THE CLINIC CAN'T IDENTIFY, AND A BAD HEADACHE.



THE PENICILLIN DOESN'T SEEM TO BE CUTTING IT. MAYBE HE SHOULDN'T WASH IT DOWN WITH COFFEE AND BEER.



A JOB. SHIT. LATER. TOMORROW. HE WANTS TO SIT AND CONTEMPLATE TITS & ASS, NOT THINK ABOUT A JOB. BUT THE WAGES OF SIN IS BUCKS.



HIS LAST JOB WAS ON THE RAILROAD. LASTED A WEEK. BEFORE HIS BODY GAVE OUT. LOADING CHEMICAL TANK CARS.



BEFORE THAT HE CLEANED SWIMMING POOLS WITH LIQUID CARCINOGENS. FIFTY YARD FREESTYLE IN A CLOUD OF TOXIC GAS.



LASTED TWO MONTHS BEFORE HE FELL OFF A DIVING BOARD. INTO AN EMPTY POOL.



HIS LUNGS DIDN'T FEEL TOO GOOD BEFORE THE FALL. HIS RIBS DIDN'T FEEL TOO GOOD AFTERWARDS.

A BRIEF STINT WITH YELLOW CAB. SITTING IN THE TRAFFIC. PLAYING TAXI DRIVER.



BREATHING ETHYL. A MARK FOR ALL THE BAD CRAZIES. ONLY GAME IN TOWN. WASN'T LONG TILL HE WAS BACK AT THE CAFE.



WORKED IN A PRINTING PLANT. IN THE DARKROOM. MORE CHEMICAL DELIGHTS. RED BULBS. BAD VISION. DANCING SPOTS. DIZZY SPELLS. ROARING IN HIS EARS.



HIS CANCER HURTS. IF IT IS CANCER. MIGHT AS WELL BE. IF NOT NOW, SOON. HE DOESN'T EVEN WANT TO THINK ABOUT WHAT HIS X-RAYS WOULD LOOK LIKE. „GUTS LIKE ERROL FLYNN'S.



TOO MUCH VICE. TOO MUCH DRUGS. TOO MUCH CIGARETTES. TOO MUCH BEERS. TOO MUCH TALKING TO THE TV SET. WATCHING THE DETECTIVES KOJAK'S HIS FAVE.



TWO MORE CIGS. HE LIGHTS ONE. FINDS A ROACH IN THE CELLOPHANE OF THE PACK. OH BOY. SAVE IT TO STUFF IN HIS LAST SMOKE. MAYBE HE'LL STOP AFTER THIS PACK. IF IT'S NOT ALREADY TOO LATE.



HELL, KOJAK SMOKES. LEE MARVIN. JOHN WAYNE. WELL, SCRATCH JOHN WAYNE.



HE'LL SURVIVE. BUT HE HAS AN EARACHE.



FIRE IN HIS ASS. ICE IN HIS BOWELS.



MIGHT AS WELL HIT THE BAR-SCOO. HIS TEETH HURT.



MAYBE HE SHOULD GET OUT OF THE CITY. TAKE UP JOGGING.



CLEAN UP HIS ACT. TOMORROW. MAYBE.



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HEY GANG, READING ALL THE FINE PRINT? THIS IS ACTUALLY AN AD. PRETTY CLEVER, HUH? FOR A FULL COLOR GREGOR THE PURPLEMAN BARBOM T-SHIRT SEND \$10.50 TO GREGOR, PO BOX 1081, ARKLEY CA - VISCATE 4, P.L. XL MAKE GREGOR HAPPY AND RICH RATED A - LIMITED OFFER. DO IT NOW

FROM DEEP INSIDE A HUMAN LUNG (PERHAPS YOURS) WE FIND KING CANCER RANTING, RAVING AGAINST A STORY OF HOPE, OF CONTINUED GOOD HEALTH, OF LIFE OVER DEATH...

"TO KILL A KING"

THIS IS MADNESS! LUNACY! YOU MUST NOT DO THIS THING...AS YOUR KING I COMMAND YOU! STOP THIS FOOLISHNESS!!



DAVID
SILVER

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ALL THESE YEARS YOU AND I HAVE BEEN TOGETHER! YES, YOU NEEDED ME ALL THOSE TIMES...NOW YOU SAY YOU CAN QUIT SMOKING! YOU FOOL! YOU NEED ME! I AM YOUR KING AND YOU ARE MY LOYAL SUBJECT...LET'S JUST FORGET THIS QUITTING MATTER...
AS OF NOW!!

I MADE YOU! YOU LOOKED SMART AND SUAVE WITH A CIGARETTE HANGING FROM YOUR MOUTH...AH, LIKE BOGART OR SINATRA...COOL AND TOGETHER! I HELPED GIVE YOU CLASS, DISTINCTION...SO LITTLE FRIEND, LET'S NOT BE TOO HASTY!

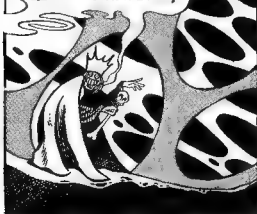


YOU CAN'T QUIT ME NOW! ALLRIGHT, SO YOU'VE GONE FOR TWO WEEKS WITHOUT A SMOKE, YOU HAVE HAD YOUR LITTLE REST...I WANT YOU TO LIGHT UP...

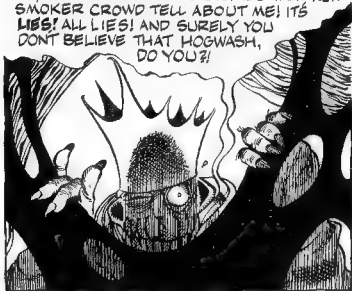
I ORDER IT!!



REMEMBER WHEN WE FIRST
MET BACK AT YOUR HIGH
SCHOOL FOOTBALL GAME?
YOU LIKED ME AND I LIKED
YOU!... WE HAD FUN,
REMEMBER?



OH, I KNOW ABOUT THOSE STORIES THAT NON-
SMOKER CROWD TELL ABOUT ME! IT'S
LIES! ALL LIES! AND SURELY YOU
DONT BELIEVE THAT HOGWASH,
DO YOU?!



LOOK, A LITTLE JOKE, YOU'RE
SO DAMN SERIOUS OF LATE,
KEEP ON PUFFIN' WAAAAHA!
YOU'RE NOT LAUGHING!!



WELL, THIS ISN'T FUNNY! CUT BACK SOME, IF YOU
MUST... BUT DONT QUIT ON ME! HELL, YOU WONT
LIVE FOREVER ANYHOW! C'MON BUY A PACK...
ILL SPRING... C'MON!



GODAMMIT!!..NO! DONT DO THIS THING!
I NEED YOU - CHOKE! - AH - PLEASE...
LIGHT UP

PLEASE!!
PLEASE!



S WAS ALWAYS THERE
WHEN YOU NEEDED
..GRIFF.. ME...



PLEASE
GRIFF!

CHUCK... YOU CANT
MEAN
THIS!

, CANT SEE...



GETTING
DARK...

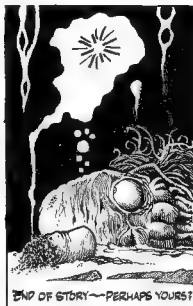
DONT LET IT END
THIS
SNIF... GASP...

W... WAY...
CANT SEE...

CANT... GOS...



SPUK!



END OF STORY... PERHAPS YOURS?

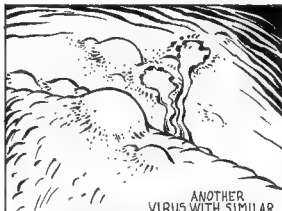
HERPES IS A VIRUS.

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THE MOST FAMILIAR FORM IS HERPES SIMPLEX TYPE I — COLD SORES. THE MOST "POPULAR" FORM IS HERPES SIMPLEX TYPE II, A CLUSTER OF BLISTERS IDENTICAL TO COLD SORES, BUT LOCATED ON THE GENITALS OF EITHER MEN OR WOMEN. BECAUSE OF ITS LOCATION, HERPES TYPE II IS GROUPED WITH OTHER VENEREAL DISEASES. THE SOFT MEMBRANE OF THE VAGINAL LIPS, AS WELL AS THE HEAD OF THE PENIS, AND ESPECIALLY THE SCAR TISSUE BELOW THE HEAD ON CIRCUMCISED MEN, PROVIDES A PERFECT HOME FOR THESE TINIEST OF LIVING ORGANISMS (THOUGH IN THEIR DORMANT STAGE IT IS DIFFICULT TO CALL THEM "ALIVE." THEY SEEM MORE LIKE INERT SPECKS OF MATTER WITH THE CHARACTERISTICS OF CRYSTAL).

SINCE IT IS UNABLE TO REPRODUCE ITSELF, HERPES, LIKE ALL OTHER VIRUSES, IS A PARASITE THAT MUST INVAD A HEALTHY CELL (IN THIS CASE A NERVE CELL) AND DIVERT IT FROM ITS NORMAL FUNCTION INTO PRODUCING CARBON COPY HERPES. ONCE BULGING WITH NEW VIRUS, THE CELL WILL BURST OPEN, SPILLING OUT INFECTIOUS FLUID. THUS, A BLISTER IS FORMED.



ANOTHER VIRUS WITH SIMILAR PROPERTIES GOES BY THE NAME HERPES ZOSTER. THIS VIRUS CAUSES CHICKENPOX AND SHINGLES, A DISEASE OF NERVE AND SKIN THAT ALSO FORMS BLISTER GROUPS, THOUGH GENERALLY ON THE TORSO, RATHER THAN AROUND AN ORAFICE. BUT ZOSTER IS ACTUALLY A BIT DIFFERENT VIRUS AND IS NOT THE MAIN SUBJECT OF THIS PIECE. NOR IS THE FOCUS THE FACT THAT HERPES IS ONE CAUSE OF ENCEPHALITIS, A SERIOUS AND SOMETIMES FATAL INFLAMMATION OF BRAIN TISSUE. THOUGH THIS WILL BE TOUCHED ON AGAIN NEAR THE END, IT IS HERPES TYPE II, VENEREAL HERPES, THE FACTS AND RAMIFICATIONS, THAT THIS STRIP IS ABOUT.

AS VENEREAL DISEASES GO, HERPES AT FIRST SEEMS, WELL, ALMOST COMICAL. GENITAL COLD SORES. A FEW TINY SPOTS THAT, EVEN LEFT UNTREATED, WILL HEAL IN A FEW DAYS.



BUT, FAMILIARITY WITH THIS MINOR IRRITATION BRINGS TO THE AWARENESS THE FACT THAT HERPES HAS QUALITIES AND RAMIFICATIONS BOTH DISTURBING AND OMINOUS.



UNLIKE SYPHILIS OR GONORRHEA, HERPES HAS NO CURE. THAT IS, SO FAR THERE IS NO ACCEPTED AND AVAILABLE SYSTEMIC TREATMENT THAT WILL PUT AN END TO THE INFECTION, KILL THE VIRUS.



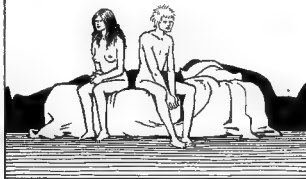
IN SUSCEPTIBLE—ESPECIALLY FAIR SKINNED—INDIVIDUALS, OUTBREAKS OF SORES CAN BECOME A LONG TERM PROBLEM, RECURRING EVERY TWO WEEKS TO A MONTH, OVER AND OVER AGAIN FOR YEARS AND YEARS.



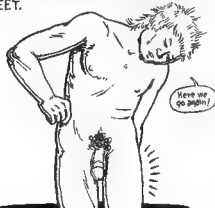
IT IS INDEED DIFFICULT FOR THE PERSON WITH THIS INFECTION TO SHRUG IT OFF HUMOROUSLY, AND IT SHOULD BE OBVIOUS THAT SOME DISRUPTION OF SEXUAL ACTIVITY AND OF EMOTIONAL WELL BEING WILL BE LIKELY SIDE EFFECTS. AND THOUGH THE EPIDERMAL MANIFESTATION IS PROBLEM ENOUGH, THE DISEASE CONSISTS OF MORE THAN JUST A FEW RED SPOTS.



A DAY TO A WEEK BEFORE A NEW CLUSTER CAN BE SEEN, OTHER SIGNS AND SYMPTOMS WILL ANNOUNCE THE COMING OUTBREAK. THESE SYMPTOMS CONSIST OF PAIN AND MALAISE.



THE PAIN, A KIND OF NEURITIS, CAN BE NEARLY INCAPACITATING. ITS COURSE IS A LITTLE DIFFERENT EVERY TIME, BUT IT MAY START IN THE GENITALS, SPREAD THROUGH THE BUTTOCKS, DOWN THE LEGS AND INTO THE FEET.



IT IS A WIDESPREAD SYMPATHETIC REACTION OF THE NERVOUS SYSTEM TO THE TAKEOVER OF LIFE FUNCTION IN THE SMALL GROUP OF NERVE CELLS AFFECTED, AND OFTEN SEEMS WILDLY DISPROPORTIONATE TO THE RESULTING SPOTS.



THOUGH USUALLY LOCALIZED BELOW THE WAIST, THE PAIN CAN SOMETIMES ENGULF THE ENTIRE BODY, ACCOMPANIED BY FEVER AND DRAGGING WEAKNESS. BUT THIS DOES NOT NECESSARILY INDICATE A MASSIVE OUTBURST OF SORES WILL FOLLOW. A NEARLY DELIRIOUS BOUT OF PAIN LIKE THIS IS AS LIKELY TO CULMINATE IN ONE TINY RED SPOT THAT HEALS IN TWO DAYS.



ON THE OTHER HAND, A SEEMINGLY INSIGNIFICANT THROBBING IN ONE TOE COULD PRESAGE A GAPING MOUND OF A DOZEN OOZING, PAINFUL BLISTERS THAT REMAIN AS FLAKING SCABS FOR A MONTH OR MORE.



THESE ARE EXTREMES, THOUGH. A TYPICAL CYCLE WILL BE SOMEWHERE IN BETWEEN, AND THE PAIN ONLY LASTS TILL THE BLISTERS BEGIN TO SHOW, THEN QUICKLY RECEDES. WHEN THE VIRUS IS VERY ACTIVE, OFTEN NEW SYMPTOMS START BEFORE OLD SORES HAVE COMPLETELY HEALED, SO FOR MONTHS AT A TIME THE HERPETIC MAY NEVER BE RID OF IT.



MARIJUANA CAN EASE THIS PAIN NICELY, BETTER THAN ASPIRIN, THE REGULAR HEAD CAN TELL YOU. BUT, UNFORTUNATELY, IT IS ALSO A WELL KNOWN FACT TO CHRONIC HERPETIC DOPERS, AS WELL AS TO RESEARCHERS, THAT GRASS IN SOME WAY INHIBITS WHAT LITTLE NATURAL RESISTANCE THE BODY HAS TO HERPES. MORE BLOW, MORE BLISTERS, SEEMS TO BE THE RULE.



CLEANLINESS BECOMES AN IMPORTANT
PREOCCUPATION OF THE CHRONIC HERPETIC.



THIS IS NECESSARY TO PREVENT SECONDARY
INFECTION OF THE OPEN SORES, A COMMON AND
UNNERVING COMPLICATION IF CARE IS NOT TAKEN.



BUT, MORE IMPORTANT, THIS VIRUS IS SAID TO
HAVE A PARTICULAR AFFINITY FOR THE
CORNEA OF THE EYE, AND IF ALLOWED
TO COLONIZE THERE, COULD RESULT IN
SERIOUS, VISION OBSCURING SCARS.



CONSCIENTIOUS HAND WASHING AND
CAREFUL AVOIDANCE OF DIRECT CON-
TACT WITH EYEBALL SHOULD
PREVENT THIS FROM HAPPENING.



TREATMENTS FOR HERPES IN THE EYE,
MORE EFFECTIVE THAN THOSE FOR GEN-
ITAL HERPES, ARE AVAILABLE.



SO FAR, THIS DESCRIPTION OF SYMPTOMS AND PRECAUTIONS APPLIES TO THE ACTION OF THE DISEASE IN BOTH THE MALE AND FEMALE. BUT FOR WOMEN, THIS VIRUS HAS SOME SPECIAL, VERY DISTRESSING CHARACTERISTICS.



THERE ARE INDICATIONS THAT HERPES IS INVOLVED IN CANCER OF THE CERVIX. THE CHRONICALLY HERPETIC WOMAN SHOULD HAVE SCREENING OF CELLS FROM THIS REGION DONE ROUTINELY.



CHILD BIRTH CAN BE DRASTICALLY AFFECTED, AS WELL. IF THE FOETUS COMES IN CONTACT WITH ACTIVE HERPES FROM OPEN VAGINAL SORES DURING BIRTH, IT COULD CONTRACT A SERIOUS INFECTION OF ITS OWN, WITH DAMAGE TO EYES, SKIN, BRAIN CELLS, OR DEATH BEING POSSIBLE RESULTS. TODAY CHILDREN OF HERPETIC WOMEN ARE ROUTINELY DELIVERED BY CAESARIAN SECTION TO AVOID THESE COMPLICATIONS.



SO THESE COMICAL COLD SORES OF COCK AND CUNT, IT SHOULD BE REALIZED, CAN BE A GREAT HAZARD TO THE HEALTH AND WELL BEING OF THE UNFORTUNATE BODIES THAT ARE SUSCEPTIBLE. AND THOSE PEOPLE WHOSE BIOLOGICAL AND NERVOUS CONSTITUTIONS RESIST THE TENDENCY OF THIS "CREATURE" TO BREAK OUT OF ITS DORMANT FORM SHOULD COUNT THEMSELVES LUCKY.



THE FACT THAT HERPES PREFERS NERVE CELLS IS WHAT MAKES IT SO DIFFICULT TO TREAT. ANTIBODIES ARE FORMED IN THE BLOODSTREAM TO DEAL WITH VIRUS AND BACTERIA THAT CAN BE REACHED BY THE BLOOD, BUT THESE ANTIBODIES DO NOT GO INTO NERVE CELLS LOOKING FOR INVADERS.



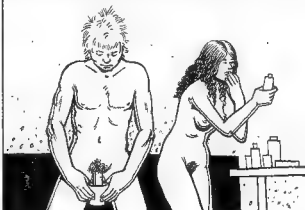
AND IT'S BECAUSE NERVES ARE ATTACKED THAT HERPES CAN BE SO VERY PAINFUL. ACUTE SHINGLES, WITH ACTION SIMILAR TO GENITAL HERPES, IS KNOWN AS ONE OF THE MOST PAINFUL DISEASES THERE IS.



SO, ATTEMPTS TO TREAT VENEREAL HERPES HAVE SO FAR BEEN PRETTY MUCH CONFINED TO EXTERNAL, SUPERFICIAL ASSAULTS UPON THE NEW ACTIVE VIRUS WHEN IT SPILLS OUT OF THE BLISTERS; TRYING TO PREVENT REINFECTION BY WASHING AWAY OR "KILLING" AS LARGE A POPULATION AS POSSIBLE.



MANY HOME TREATMENTS ARE AVAILABLE. FOR MEN, ONE OF THE SIMPLEST, CHEAPEST AND IN MANY WAYS MOST EFFECTIVE TREATMENTS IS A WARM SALT WATER SOAK A FEW TIMES WHEN THE BLISTERS HAVE FORMED UP AND BROKEN OPEN.



SALT MAY NOT DESTROY THE NEW VIRUS, BUT IT DEFINITELY DRIES UP AND PROMOTES RAPID HEALING OF SORES.



LIQUID PREPARATIONS OF CAMPHOR, AS COMMONLY USED FOR COLD SORES ON THE LIPS, ARE QUITE GOOD AS WELL FOR GENITAL HERPES.



ANOTHER APPLICATION WITH "DRYING UP" QUALITIES EVEN STRONGER THAN SALT OR CAMPHOR IS CHLORFORM. DABBED ON THE BLISTERS WHEN THEY CAN BE OPENED. THOUGH THIS STRONG FLUID VERY LIKELY "KILLS" THE VIRUS, IT REQUIRES A GREATER EXPENSE AND IT IS MOMENTARILY QUITE PAINFUL WHEN APPLIED.



IT IS EASY TO FEEL A BIT UNCOMFORTABLE, TOO, HANDLING A SUBSTANCE AS POTENT, EVEN VOLATILE, AS CHLORFORM. THOUGH DRINKING OR BREATHING IT IS NOT REQUIRED, THE LINK MADE RECENTLY BETWEEN IT AND CANCER, CAN MAKE THIS TREATMENT SEEM JUST A LITTLE TOO HAZARDOUS.



MORE COMPLICATED, EXPENSIVE AND YET EVEN MORE UNCERTAIN IS AQUEOUS RED. THIS IS A DYE WHICH WHEN APPLIED TO THE OPEN BLISTERS, AND EXPOSED TO FLOURESCENT LIGHT, MAY BREAK UP THE GENETIC MATERIAL OF WHICH THE VIRUS CONSISTS.



IF EFFECTIVE, AND SOME DOCTORS DOUBT THIS, IT MIGHT ACTUALLY GET TO VIRUS WITHIN INTACT CELLS, AS WELL AS THOSE FLOATING IN BLISTER FLUID, MAKING IT MORE THOROUGH THAN SALT, CAMPHOR OR CHLOROFORM.



BUT, IT IS TIME CONSUMING, MESSY AND THERE ARE HINTS THAT IT CAN ALSO INTERFERE WITH THE D.N.A. STRUCTURE OF HEALTHY CELLS, MAKING IT POTENTIALLY CARCINOGENIC.



NONE OF THESE TREATMENTS REPRESENTS A "CURE." IT SHOULD BE STRESSED, AND SO FAR THE HERPETIC HAS HAD GOOD REASON TO FEEL DEJECTED AND PERHAPS A LITTLE CYNICAL ABOUT THE PHYSICIAN'S ART.



IT MAY BE THAT THE BEST ANSWER FOR THE CHRONIC HERPETIC IS FINALLY, AFTER ALL, GOOD HUMORED ACCEPTANCE OF THE CONDITION. AT LEAST THEN, WHILE WAITING FOR A NEW AND CERTAIN TREATMENT, THE VIRUS WILL NOT BE AGGRAVATED BY NERVOUS ANXIETY, AND IT MAY NOT BE LONG.



DEPENDING ON ONE'S ATTITUDE TO WESTERN MEDICAL SCIENCE, THE HERPETIC COULD TAKE HEART, OR PERHAPS FEEL QUITE INDIFFERENT, TO THE FACT THAT DEVELOPEMENT OF NEW DRUGS TO ATTACK VIRUS IN THE CELL, WITHOUT DOING DAMAGE TO THE CELL, IS NEAR COMPLETION, THIS IS CONSIDERED A MAJOR BREAK-THROUGH TO A NEW WAY OF TREATING VIRAL DISEASES.



THE CUTTING EDGE OF THIS RESEARCH IS IN THE APPLICATION OF THESE DRUGS SPECIFICALLY TO THE TREATMENT OF ENCEPHALITIS CAUSED BY HERPES VIRUS.

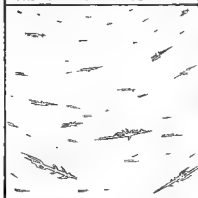


GREAT HOPE IS BEING PUT FORWARD THAT PREPARATIONS OF THESE SUBSTANCES, FOR INJECTION OR INGESTION IN SYSTEMIC TREATMENTS, AND AS OINTMENT FOR EPIDERMAL APPLICATION, WILL SOON BE AVAILABLE FOR DEALING WITH HERPES VIRUS WHEREVER IT INFECTS THE BODY. WE SHALL SEE.

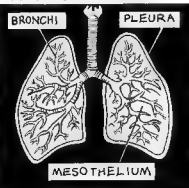


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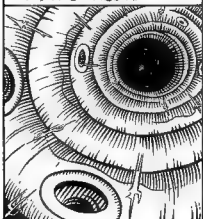
TINY WEIGHTLESS ASBESTOS PARTICLES CAN BE FOUND IN AIR SAMPLES THE WORLD OVER. HERE'S WHAT HAPPENS WHEN THEY ARE DRAWN INTO THE HUMAN LUNG...



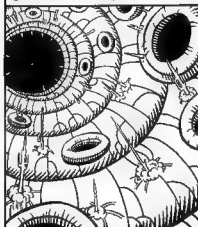
LUNGS ARE BASICALLY THE **BRONCHI**, THE MANY BRANCHED TREE INSIDE THE LUNGS, THE **MESOTHELIUM**, THE MEAT OF THE LUNGS, AND THE **PLEURA**, THE BALLOON-SAC THAT HOLDS THE LUNGS TOGETHER.



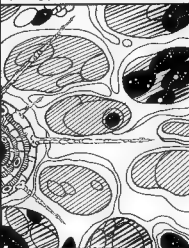
BARBED INDESTRUCTIBLE PARTICLES ENTER THE BRONCHIAL BRANCHES AND BECOME LOGGED IN LUNG TISSUE.



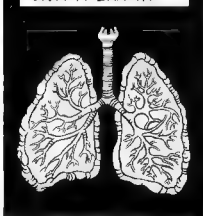
BECAUSE OF THEIR HARPOON-LIKE SHAPE THE PARTICLES CANNOT BE EXPELLED BY COUGHING, AS THEY SAW INTO THE TISSUE.



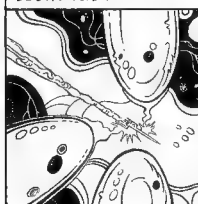
EVENTUALLY THEY BORE THRU THE MESOTHELIUM AND LODGE IN THE PLEURA.



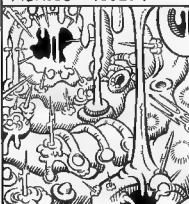
THE PLEURA THICKENS, LOSES ELASTICITY, AND THE VICTIM CANNOT DRAW A BREATH.



WHITE BLOOD CELLS GENERATE ACIDS, ATTEMPTING TO DISSOLVE THE PARTICLES. SINCE ASBESTOS CANNOT BE OXIDIZED, THE SURROUNDING TISSUE ITSELF IS DESTROYED.



FIBROSIS IS A CONDITION CAUSED BY THE PRESENCE OF ASBESTOS IN WHICH LUNG TISSUE DEVIATES FROM ITS NORMAL FORM AND FILLS THE LUNG CAVITY WITH FIBROUS TISSUE.



AFTER MANY YEARS THE BRONCHIAL TISSUE BECOMES INVOLVED TO THE POINT THAT THE VICTIM SLOWLY SUFFOCATES.



HI, GANG!! IT'S YOUR HOST IN HORROR, **THE OLD LUNG**, WITH A RESPIRATORY RECITAL THAT YOU'LL TAKE YOUR BREATH AWAY, HEH,... INDEED, YOU MAY WANT TO GASP YOUR LAST WHEN YOU READ...

THE ASBESTOS WORKERS' REVENGE!!



RELEASE!

IT'S THAT WORD AND THAT ONE ONLY WHICH FORMS IN A BRAIN THAT CAN BARELY RECALL SINGLE WORDS...



WHO? WHO WERE YOU?
YOU WERE ONCE A MINER IN
THE GREAT OPEN PIT
ASBESTOS MINES IN CANADA...



YOU HAD NO WAY OF KNOWING
THAT THE ASBESTOS
COMPANIES KNEW THE TRUTH.



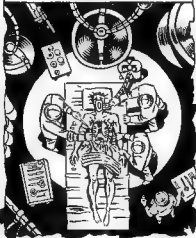
OR THAT THOSE COMPANIES,
IN FACT, MADE IT THEIR
BUSINESS TO HIDE THAT
TRUTH.



BUT YOU FOUND
OUT THE **HARD WAY**...



WHEN YOU FINALLY
HAD TO, YOUR
PLEURA WAS
REMOVED ...



THEN **THEY** PUT A
HOSE IN YOUR **SIDE**
TO VENT THE **LIQUID**
THAT BUILT UP ...



A WEEK LATER THEY
LOWERED YOUR BODY
IN A GRAVE.



NOW THE TRUTH HAS COME TO LIGHT !! IT IS AS
ROTTEN AS YOUR **BODY** IS NOW!! IT IS TIME TO
REVISIT THAT COMPANY, ISN'T IT? CHOOSE A
TIME WHEN THEY'LL **ALL** BE THERE, THE DOCTORS,
THE LAWYERS, THE CORPORATE PRESIDENTS ...



YES, IT'S TIME
THEY WERE
PICKED-OUT
ONE BY ONE !!

GNYAAHHH!



I CAN MOVE!! BUT LOOK AT ME! HOW DID I WIND UP LIKE THIS? I REMEMBER NOW... AND I REMEMBER THE MEN WHO DID THIS TO ME.



WHEN I WORKED AT THE ASBESTOS PLANT... HOW COULD I HAVE KNOWN THAT THE PEOPLE I WORKED FOR WERE SELLING DEATH?



SOME OF THE RESEARCHERS WARNED THE OWNERS OF THE PLANT ABOUT THE TERRIBLE EFFECTS OF ASBESTOS PARTICLES IN THE AIR WHERE WE WORKED.



THOSE DOCTORS WERE DISMISSED AND NEW ONES WERE HIRED UNTIL MORE COOPERATIVE DOCTORS WERE FOUND...



MANY OF THE WORKERS DIED... OF ASBESTOSIS OR ASBESTOS INDUCED CANCER. SOME WERE ACTUALLY COMPENSATED BY THE COMPANY. THESE PAYMENTS WERE KEPT A SECRET BY AN INDUSTRY THAT PRETENDED NOTHING WAS WRONG.



YES, IT WAS BUSINESS AS USUAL. THE COMPANY COAXED EVERY HOUR OF PRODUCTIVITY FROM ME. AND I WAS NEVER INFORMED THAT ASBESTOS PARTICLES WERE CHOKING OFF MY A-R-LITTLE BY LITTLE.



BUT NOW, MY FORMER EMPLOYER, AS YOU SLEEP I'M GOING TO GIVE YOU A LITTLE DEMONSTRATION. 'IN VIVO', I THINK, IS THE TERM THAT APPLIES HERE.



TELL ME IF YOU CAN,
HOW DOES IT FEEL
THIS PILLOW STUFFING
DEEP, DEEP IN YOUR
LUNGS...



WHAT? NO OPINION?
YOU SCUM!!
TRY AND SCREAM!!
CAN'T SCREAM?!!



TOO BAD, BOSS MAN,
TOO BAD...



THE DEAD CAN'T STAY BURIED
AND THERE CAN BE NO REST
FOR MY KIND AS LONG AS
THESE 'MEN', THESE 'DOCTORS'
STILL HIDE...



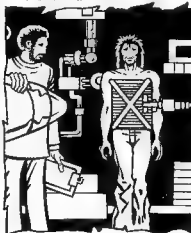
JUDAS GOATS! PAID BY THE
COMPANIES TO WRING OUT EVERY
LAST PARTICLE OF ENERGY FROM
THE WORKERS!!



I WAS LUCKY. I DIDN'T
SLAVE MY LIFE AWAY
FOR LONG BEFORE I FOUND
OUT WHAT ASBESTOS CAN
DO TO LUNG TISSUE.



I THOUGHT THE
COMPANY DOCTORS
WERE ON MY SIDE.
I THOUGHT THEY
WERE LOOKING OUT
FOR ME.



BUT THE RESULTS OF
THE X-RAYS FROM
THE EMPLOYEE
CHECKUPS WERE
HIDDEN AWAY AS
A MATTER OF
COMPANY POLICY...



FINALLY, UNABLE TO WORK BECAUSE OF MESOTHELIOMA, I WAS HOSPITALIZED. THE ACID FROM MY OWN BODY'S DEFENSE SYSTEM WAS BURNING THROUGH MY LUNGS.



IT WAS TOO LATE FOR ME TO BE TREATED. BUT I WON'T LET THEM HIDE ME AWAY...



WELL DOCTOR? NOTHING TO SAY? CAN'T YOU RECOGNIZE YOUR OLD PATIENT?!



PERHAPS THIS ACID WILL LOOSEN YOUR TONGUE !!



AWW... TOO BAD. I'VE ADMINISTERED A LITTLE TOO MUCH OF MY 'CURE'. YOU SHOULD REALLY HAVE THAT TENDED TO... BUT I DOUBT IF YOU'LL NEED AN X-RAY!! HEH! HEH! HEH!



WHEW! GIMME SOME AIR! GLAD I GOT THAT OFF MY CHEST ... WELL, AT LEAST THOSE ASBESTOS WORKERS NEVER HAD TO WORRY ABOUT THEIR LUNGS CATCHING FIRE! HEH... SO LUNG !!





WE ARE ALL GUINEA PIGS BUT,
WITH TINY BRUSHES DIPPED IN RADIUM
ONCE HELD IN THEIR NOW CRIPPLED HANDS
UPON TINY FACES THEY PAINTED TINY NUMBERS
TINY HANDS

SO WE COULD SEE OUR WATCHES IN THE DARK
UNDER THE COVERS- REMEMBER?

THOSE LOVELY LADIES FROM LUMINOUS, INC.
THEIR GUMS BLEED THEIR TEETH FELL OUT
TUMORS GREW IN THEIR HEADS CATARACTS
IN THEIR EYES CANCER IN THEIR BREASTS
"OH YOU WOULDN'T BELIEVE HOW HEALTHY
I WAS," SHE SAID "HOW HEALTHY, BEFORE
I WENT TO WORK AT LUMINOUS."

THE ONES THAT REMAIN WAIT TO DIE
AND THE CHILDREN OF CROOKED GENES
GROW UP FROM THE BODIES OF
THE LOVELY LADIES FROM LUMINOUS, INC.
DO THEIR- WILL THEIR BONES GLOW
IN THE DARK?

JANET ABBEY.





HEY KIDDO!! SAIGON SAL HERE...LONG

TIME, NO SEE! I BOUGHT IT IN THE BOONIES BACK IN '68, BUT THAT'S ANOTHER STORY..

THE STORY I'M GONNA TELL YA BEGINS BACK IN THE EARLY 60'S DURING THOSE WILD, HEADY, EARLY DAYS OF THE WAR IN VIETNAM. BACK WHEN THE WAR WAS TOO NEW FOR A COLLECTIVE ANTI-WAR FEELING TO HAVE FORMED STATESIDE, BACK WHEN FOLKS WERE STILL IN SHOCK, UNABLE TO FIGURE OUT WHAT WAS HAPPENING. UNRESTRAINED, THE VARIOUS AGENTS OF THE MILITARY-INDUSTRIAL COMPLEX; THE PENTAGON, RAND CORPORATION, THE C.I.A. ETAL WERE GLEEFULLY EXPERIMENTING, WITH ALL MANNER OF EXOTIC AND DABOULICAL WAR PARAPHERNALIA, PSYCHOLOGICAL MIND MESS & BETTER KILLING THROUGH CHEMISTRY. ONE MASTERPIECE OF THIS GREAT AMERICAN BRAIN TRUST WAS THE HIGHLY VISIBLE YET CURIOUSLY NON-CONTROVERSIAL PRACTICE OF DEFOLIATION. REMEMBER?

DEFOLIATION WAS THE SPRAYING BY AIRCRAFT OF THE CHEMICAL AGENTS 2,4-D AND 2,4,5-T OVER VAST TRACTS OF JUNGLE AND WOODLAND THROUGHOUT VIETNAM. THESE COMPOUNDS, PRODUCTS OF DOW CHEMICAL, FORM THE DEADLY HERBICIDE AGENT ORANGE. THROUGH THE GOOD OFFICES OF 'OPERATION RANCHHAND' OVER 5 MILLION ACRES OF SOUTH VIETNAM WERE RENDERED STERILE DURING OUR YEARS THERE! THIS STORY DEALS WITH THE AFTERMATH OF THAT ORGY.

THE RANCHHAND LEGACY



A SPACE AGE SAGA

**"SOMETIMES WE'D BE COVERED WITH IT..
GOD. I'LL NEVER FORGET THE SMELL!!"**



MOST OF THE CHEMICAL WARFARE OPERATIONS FROM 1961 TO 1970 WERE CARRIED OUT BY THE AERIAL SPRAY FLIGHT OF THE 309th AIR COMMANDO SQUADRON BASED AT BIEN HOA AIR BASE, NEAR SAIGON. OVER THE YEARS, THIS FINE GROUP DUMPED ABOUT 50 MILLION POUNDS OF AGENT ORANGE ON VIETNAM, ON THE PEOPLE OF VIETNAM, ON THE FOOD OF THE PEOPLE OF VIETNAM AND ON A CONSIDERABLE NUMBER OF G.I.'S
*THIS WAS AFFECTIONATELY KNOWN BY THE MILITARY CODE NAME "RANCHHAND" OR "HADES"...

THE IDEA WAS TO KILL OFF THE VEGETATION IN A TARGET AREA, THUS DEPRIVING THE "VC" OF THEIR MUCH NEEDED COVER. ANOTHER OBJECTIVE OF THE SPRAYING WAS THE DESTRUCTION OF FOOD CROPS, MAINLY IN THE MEKONG DELTA, THUS COMPELLING THE PEASANTRY TO TAKE REFUGE IN CONTROLLED RESETTLEMENT CAMPS. THIS PRACTICE, LIKE OTHER U.S. ACTS OF WAR, WAS JUSTIFIED IN TERMS OF SAVING THE LIVES OF U.S. MILITARY PERSONNEL WHO WERE FIGHTING FOR THE RIGHT OF VIETNAMESE EVERYWHERE TO BE GOOD AMERICANS... ER... FREE!

LET'S MAKE THAT CLEAR!



THIS "RESOURCE DENIAL" PROGRAM AND THE RESULTING STARVATION FAILED, HOWEVER, TO DEMORALIZE NLF TROOPS. IN WAR, WHEN FOOD IS IN SHORT SUPPLY, FIGHTING TROOPS ARE THE FIRST TO BE FED, THE CIVILIANS EAT LEFTOVERS



DINNERTIME IN THE TUNNELS...

SOUTH VIETNAM - THE 'RICE BOWL' OF ASIA - USED TO EXPORTING 250,000 TONS OF RICE YEARLY, BEGAN TO IMPORT RICE FROM AMERICA TO FEED THE POPULATION... 850,000 TONS IN '68 ALONE!



CROPLANDS SPRAYED WITH DEFOLIANTS AS EARLY AS 1961 STILL HAVE SHOWN NO SIGNS OF RECOVERY. BUT CROPLANDS AND JUNGLES WEREN'T THE ONLY CASUALTIES OF AGENT ORANGE. NO, INDEED.

IN 1965, IT WAS DISCOVERED THAT 2,4,5-T (N-BUTYL 2,3,4 TRICHLOROPHENOXYACETATE) WAS A POWERFUL TERATOGENIC (FETUS DEFORMING) SUBSTANCE. ALARMING ROSES IN BIRTH DEFECTS THROUGHOUT VIETNAM LED SEVERAL NEWSPAPERS IN SAIGON TO QUESTION WHETHER AGENT ORANGE WAS RESPONSIBLE. THE GOVERNMENT OF MR. THIEN CLOSED THOSE PAPERS.

HEY G.I.! YOU GOT GUM?



IT WAS FOUND THAT THE COMMERCIAL PREPARATIONS OF 2,4,5-T AND 2,4-D CONTAINED THE CONTAMINATE DIOXIN, ONE OF THE MOST TOXIC SUBSTANCES KNOWN TO MAN.

HEY LOPEZ! WHEN THEY GET THRU DUSTIN, SNEAK OVER AND TORCH THAT BRUSH...

HOKAY SARGE!



PRACTICALLY INDESTRUCTABLE, DIOXIN CONCENTRATES IN THE WATER TABLE AND THE FOOD CHAIN. FURTHER, THE COMBUSTION OF TIMBER OR OTHER MATERIAL EXPOSED TO IT RELEASES HIGH CONCENTRATIONS OF DIOXIN INTO THE AIR. VERSATILE STUFF, EH?

IN ADDITION TO WORKING GENETIC MAGIC, DIOXIN IS RESPONSIBLE FOR A HOST OF AILMENTS AMONG THOSE WHO SUFFERED EXPOSURE TO AGENT ORANGE. THAT INCLUDES PRACTICALLY EVERYONE WHO BREATHED THE AIR IN VIETNAM! NEWS LEAKS IN 1969 FORCED THE NATIONAL INSTITUTES OF HEALTH TO CONFESS THAT 2,4,5-T WAS A TERATOGEN. HOWEVER, DURING THE TIME THE INFORMATION ON 2,4,5-T WAS SUPPRESSED, MILLIONS OF POUNDS OF AGENT ORANGE WERE DUMPED ON VIETNAM AND THE U.S. AS WELL! AGENT ORANGE WAS BEING USED IN THE STATES IN A VARIETY OF WAYS INCLUDING CLEARING OUT BRUSH IN POWER LINE RIGHTS-OF-WAY AND ALONG RAILROAD TRACKS. AND TO CLEAR THICKETS FROM GRAZING TERRITORY!

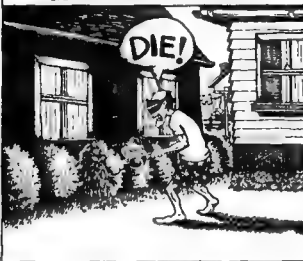
IF IT ATTACKS, BLAST IT WITH YER SPRAY GUN. THEN RUN LIKE HELL!



ALSO, DURING THE TIME THE 309TH ACS WAS GOING BANANAS WITH THEIR SPRAY GUNS IN THE 'NAM, THE U.S. FOREST SERVICE WAS USING AGENT ORANGE TO CLEAR WOODY UNDERGROWTH IN AND AROUND NATIONAL FORESTS.



AND, WHAT THE HELL, IF IT CAN KILL A JUNGLE IT CAN SURE KILL THE WEEDS THREATENING YOUR BASIC SUBURBAN LAWN, RIGHT?



WHEN NEWSPAPERS IN THE U.S. BEGAN TO RUN STORIES ON 2,4,5-T'S POSSIBLE CONNECTION TO BIRTH DEFECTS AND OTHER HORRORS, THERE WAS DOUBLETALK...



"THE U.S. SHALL RENOUNCE THE USE OF LETHAL BIOLOGICAL AGENTS AND WEAPONS AND ALL OTHER METHODS OF BIOLOGICAL WARFARE."



HOWEVER...

"THIS 'NEW POLICY' DID NOT INCLUDE OR ENCOMPASS THE USE OF HERBICIDES!"

THERE WERE DENIALS... FROM THE PENTAGON; "THE U.S. IS NOT ENGAGED IN BIOLOGICAL WARFARE IN VIETNAM. THE HERBICIDES BEING USED THERE ARE NON-TOXIC AND NOT DANGEROUS TO MAN OR TO ANIMAL LIFE." IN 1970, DOW CHEMICAL EVEN TRIED TO DENY THE TOXICITY OF 2,4,5-T...



DR. JULIUS JOHNSON (DIRECTOR OF DOW RESEARCH) SAID, "IF WE THOUGHT 2,4,5-T WAS HARMING ANYBODY WE'D TAKE IT OFF THE MARKET TOMORROW."

"TOMORROW", HE SAID, NOT "TODAY!!"

WHAT, THEN, DID THE GOVERNMENT CONSIDER BIOLOGICAL WARFARE TO CONSIST OF? WELL, THE "JOINT CHIEFS OF STAFF DICTIONARY" ITSELF IN ITS VIETNAM ERA EDITIONS, CALLS BIOLOGICAL WARFARE:

"THE EMPLOYMENT OF LIVING ORGANISMS, TOXIC BIOLOGICAL PRODUCTS, AND PLANT GROWTH REGULATORS TO PRODUCE DEATH OR CASUALTIES IN MAN, ANIMAL OR PLANT..."



WHATEVER YOU SAY DOCTOR, 2,4,5-T HARMLESS? IF SO, THEN WHY THE WARNINGS ON ESTERON 245 CONCENTRATE, DOW CHEMICAL COMPANY'S #1 SELLING PRODUCT IN THE 2,4,5-T LINE ??



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HARDLY RE ASSURING WORDS FOR SOMEONE LULLED BY PRIOR ALLEGATIONS THAT 2,4,5-T IS A SUBSTANCE OF LOW TOXICITY, EH WHAT?



DON'T PAY NO ATTENTION TO THOSE LILY-LIMBED
PUNKO CRYBABIES PERFESSER. YOU JEET
KEEP **MAKIN IT** AN WE'LL KEEP

DROPIN IT!



UNTIL 1970 NEITHER OF THE TWO
PRODUCERS OF 2,4,5-T, DOW & MONSANTO,
HAD MADE FORMAL TERATOLOGICAL OR
CARCINOGENIC TESTS ON THEIR PRODUCT.
INDEPENDENT TESTING BY BIONETICS
LABORATORIES PROVED THE ADVERSE EF-
FECTS OF DIOXIN CONTAMINATED 2,4,5-T
BUT THE GOVERNMENT, THE WHITE HOUSE
PLAYED DOWN THIS INFORMATION TO THE
PUBLIC. AND THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE
FOR ALL PRACTICAL PURPOSES, IGNORED THE
UNLIE BUSINESS AND ANNOUNCED ITS IN-
TENTION OF GOING ON DOING WHAT IT
HAD BEEN DOING ALL ALONG.

**BUSINESS
AS
USUAL!!**

WHEN U.S. INVOLVEMENT WITH VIETNAM
ENDED, WHEN WE HAD PICKED UP OUR SPRAY
GUNS & GONE HOME, WHAT LITTLE CONTROVERSY
THAT HAD EXISTED OVER OUR INSANE USAGE
OF DIOXIN CONTAMINATED HERBICIDES THERE
COMPLETELY VANISHED. BILLY BOB, SON AND
SOLDIER, WAS COMIN' HOME! AMIDST THE
MALNUTRITION, THE DISEASE, THE TRAUMA, THE
POVERTY, THE CONFUSION AND THE GENERAL
SHAMBLES OF THAT WAR RAVAGED COUNTRY
THE FATE OF DIOXIN CONTAMINATED VIET-
NAMESE MOTHERS AND THEIR EQUALLY CON-
TAMINATED (UNBORN) CHILDREN WAS TOTALLY
FORGOTTEN TO THIS DAY, NO ONE HAS ANY
IDEA HOW MANY VIETNAMESE WERE ADVERSELY
AFFECTED BY THE POWERS OF OPERATION
RANCHHAND. ANOTHER TRAGIC FOOTNOTE TO
ANOTHER TRAGIC AMERICAN ADVENTURE...

NOW DON'T YOU WORRY HONGYCHILB... I'LL SEND YA
A FEW BUCKS EVERY NOW AN' AGAIN AN' LISTEN HERE...
IF OL' JUNIOR COMES OUT WITH NO ARMS, NO LEGS
AND 1 EYE BALL, YOU KIN ALLUS USE HUM FER
SECOND BASE!



IN 1974, IN AN APPARENT EFFORT TO CLOSE THE
BOOK ON OUR CHEMICAL HI-JINKS IN 'NAM, DOWCHEM-
ICALS ASSERTED THAT "NO CONCLUSIVE EVIDENCE
EXISTS OF ASSOCIATION BETWEEN EXPOSURE TO
HERBICIDES AND BIRTH DEFECTS IN SOUTH VIETNAM."

BESIDES, WHO CARES ABOUT DEFORMED COOKS?!

...BUNKAA DAWN MONDIES ANYWAY!



THE DOW CHEMICAL STATEMENT MADE NO MENTION
OF POSSIBLE LINKS BETWEEN 2,4,5-T AND ALL-
MENTS SUFFERED BY VETERANS EXPOSED TO THE
SUBSTANCE.

WHA...
OPEN SORES
ALL OVER...
...FACE... HANDS
...ARMS...

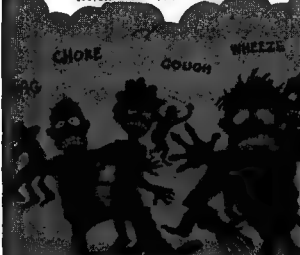
... FINGERS ALWAYS
NUMB LATELY...
WHAT TH' HELL
IS GOING ON?!

BASIC
EX-G.I.



CHLORAGNE, ACE! VERY COMMON FIRST
SYMPTOM OF DIOXIN POISONING!!

UNTIL THE END OF THE WAR, MOST OF WHAT SCIENTISTS WOULD ADMIT THAT THEY KNEW ABOUT DIOXIN POISONING HAD BEEN LEARNED FROM STUDYING THE VICTIMS OF ACCIDENTS AT PLANTS THAT PRODUCED 2,4,5-T & 2,4-D. OUTBREAKS OF CHLORACNE HAD OCCURED AMONG CHEMICAL WORKERS SEVERAL TIMES...



AT A DOW PLANT IN MICHIGAN, IN NEW JERSEY & IN THE NOTORIOUS 1976 SEVASCO, ITALY INCIDENT IN WHICH BOTH PLANT WORKERS AND MANY OF THE TOWNSFOLK WERE THOROUGHLY DOUSED WITH POISON.

WITHOUT KNOWING WHAT WAS CAUSING THEIR ILLNESSES, A LARGE NUMBER OF VETS BEGAN TO EXPERIENCE THE WONDERS OF DIOXIN POISONING. THESE SYMPTOMS INCLUDED LOSS OF WEIGHT & APPETITE, SLEEPLESSNESS, DEPRESSION, THE ENTIRE GAMUT OF PSYCHOLOGICAL DISORDERS.

YOUR SON WON'T THINK HE'S HO CHI MINH AFTER I DRIVE THIS ICEPICK INTO HIS FRONTAL LOBE, MADAM!!



BUT THESE INCIDENTS WERE ISOLATED AND, SADLY, YOU MIGHT EVEN EXPECT OCCASIONAL ACCIDENTS AT A MANUFACTURING PLANT... NO ONE KNEW WHAT THE LARGE SCALE EFFECTS OF THE DIOXIN POISONING WERE UNTIL THE TROOPS CAME MARCHING HOME.

YEP! TWO YEARS IN NAM, RIGHT IN THE DELTA.. CHARLIE COULDN'T GET ME! NO SIR.. I'M IN PERFECT HEALTH, FIT AS A FIDDLE AND I'M HOME! DRINKS FOR TH' HOUSE!



AND THESE GUYS, BY AND LARGE, HAD NO IDEA THAT THEY WERE CONTAMINATED. OBVIOUSLY. EVERYONE HAD TOLD THEM THAT AGENT ORANGE WAS SAFE.. UNLESS YOU WERE A TREE THAT IS.

THEIR MATES SUFFERED SPONTANEOUS MIS-CARRIAGES, THEIR CHILDREN WERE BORN WITH BIRTH DEFECTS (DIOXIN MAKES THALIDOMIDE LOOK LIKE PABNUM). ANOTHER NIFTY SIDE EFFECT WAS GREATLY REDUCED OR COMPLETELY FAILED

SEX DRIVE!

YOU JUST SIT THERE AND WATCH YOUR JOHN WHILE MORE, DEAR. THE PTA MEETING SHOULD BE OVER IN 5 OR 6 HOURS... I'LL BE HOME AT BAH BAH BLAH



THE LIST GOES ON... VITAL ORGAN DISORDERS.

BECAUSE DIOXIN ACCUMULATES IN BODY FAT IT CAN SEEP INTO THE SYSTEM GRADUALLY AS THE FAT BREAKS DOWN. 10 YEARS AFTER EXPOSURE YOU GOT GUYS COMING UP WITH SOME NICE

ACUTE LIVER DAMAGE

EVERY DAY FER TH' REST OF MY LIFE!

BETTER'N FUMIN' DANDIES I GUESS



A FEW CHOSEN SOULS EVEN GOT - YOU SUGGEST IT

CANCER

MMMM YES...YES...THERES A MASS THERE... I WAS AFRAID OF TH... I MEAN, I MEAN... WELL, MAYBE ITS BENIGN!



HERE YA GOT GUYS 28 TO 34 WHO SHOULD BE HEALTHY, IN THE PRIME OF THEIR LIVES - LIVERS WASTED AWAY, LIMBS PARALYZED, STOMACHS ROTTEN WITH CANCER...



I GOT THE SHITTING MAN

RIGHTS BRO

AND NOBODY IS HELPING THESE PEOPLE!

THE VETERANS ADMINISTRATION REFUSES TO REVIEW CLAIMS. THE VA DOESN'T EVEN HAVE ANY RATING CRITERIA FOR CHEMICAL DISABILITIES.



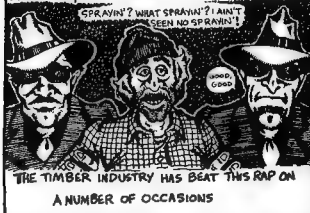
THERES NO SUCH THING AS DIOXIN POISONING! THIS CREATURE IS OBVIOUSLY HYSTERICAL

AND WHOSE GONNA HELP THOSE FAMILIES IN THE PACIFIC NORTHWEST - TIMBER COUNTRY - THERE HAVE BEEN AN INORDINATE NUMBER OF MISCARRIAGES IN CERTAIN AREAS THERE IN RECENT YEARS.

YUP! THEY BEEN DROPPIN' LAK FLIES AROUND HEAH!



A GROUP OF 8 WOMEN IN ALSEA, OREGON WHO SUFFERED MISCARRIAGES THEY BELIEVE WERE CAUSED BY 2,4,5-T RECENTLY GOT THE ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY TO ISSUE A TEMPORARY RESTRAINING ORDER BANNING THE SPRAYING THERE, BUT THE BAN WON'T HOLD UP FOR LONG...



AND A FEDERAL CLASS ACTION SUIT HAS BEEN FILED AGAINST ALL THE MANUFACTURERS OF 2,4,5-T ON BEHALF OF U.S. SERVICEMEN EXPOSED TO THE CHEMICAL IN "NAM. THIS SUIT COULD ULTIMATELY AFFECT ABOUT A MILLION MEN WHO SERVED IN NAM, BUT IT WILL TAKE MANY MANY YEARS.



MEANWHILE, MANUFACTURE OF 2,4,5-T AND 2,4-D CONTINUES AND WHERE YOU HAVE THOSE CHEMICALS YOU HAVE DIOXIN. DOMESTIC SPRAYING CONTINUES & PEOPLE CONTINUE TO BE EXPOSED, TO BECOME ILL. AND DON'T THINK YOU'RE SAFE JUST BECAUSE YOU DON'T LIVE IN THE MIDDLE OF A FOREST. SCIENTISTS ARE FINDING DIOXIN CONTAMINATION IN PRODUCTS OTHER THAN HERBICIDES. A VARIETY OF COMMON COMMERCIAL PRODUCTS HAVE BEEN FOUND TO CONTAIN HARMFUL LEVELS OF DIOXIN, A FEW OF WHICH ARE...



.. CERTAIN BRANDS OF



SO THERE YOU HAVE IT, THE LEGACY OF OPERATION RANCH HAND. A CONTINUING STORY OF TRAGEDY, OF PAIN & SUFFERING, OF DISEASE & DEATH COMPLETE WITH THE ALL TOO FAMILIAR CAST OF LYING GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS, CORPORATE CLOWNS, A DEMENTED WAR MACHINE, BLIND & STUPID POLITICIANS, IDIOTS ON EVERY OFFICIAL LEVEL.



WHERE WILL IT ALL END? THE ANSWER IS OBVIOUS. UNLESS 2,4,5-T AND 2,4-D ARE BANNED ALTOGETHER THERE IS ONLY ONE PLACE THIS STORY CAN END...
OUR COMMON GRAVE.

THE BODY COUNT ISN'T OVER, MY FRIEND!

I DON'T KNOW YET IF I WAS KILLED IN VIETNAM



THANKS TO THE FOLKS AT "ENLISTED TIMES", 2180 BRYANT ST. S.F. FOR THE RESEARCH MATERIAL. THANKS TO BERE & TO MARY ALADJ AT WETA-TV IN WASHINGTON D.C. SPECIAL THANKS TO RAY TURNER.

WERE YOU SURPRISED WHEN YOUR NEIGHBOR'S SMALL CAR ROASTED HIM AFTER IT WAS HIT FROM BEHIND? BEEN THINKING ABOUT FLYING TO CHICAGO ON A DC-10? HOW ABOUT A GOOD BUY ON A NICE HOUSE NEAR THE POWER PLANT IN HARRISBURG, PA.? PERFECTLY SAFE; ALL OF 'EM! OR SO THEY SAID. THE NEXT TIME YOU HEAR THEM USE THOSE WORDS CLIMB INTO A RADIATION PROOF, FIRE RESISTANT SUIT, STRAPON A PARACHUTE AND PRAY TO GOD YOU LIVE THROUGH BEING ...

**PERFECTLY
SAFE!**

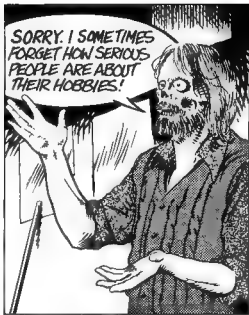


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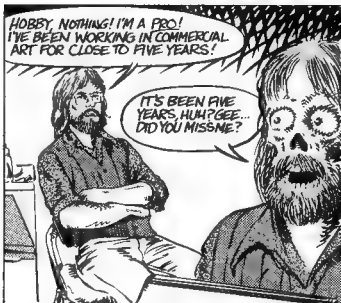




DON'T EVER DO THAT AGAIN! I COULDA RUINED THIS DRAWING!!!

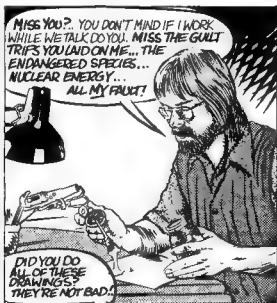


SORRY. I SOMETIMES FORGET HOW SERIOUS PEOPLE ARE ABOUT THEIR HOBBIES!



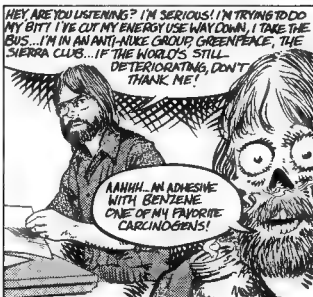
HOBBY, NOTHING! I'M A PRO! I'VE BEEN WORKING IN COMMERCIAL ART FOR CLOSE TO FIVE YEARS!

IT'S BEEN FIVE YEARS, HUM? GEE... DID YOU MISS ME?



MISS YOU?... YOU DON'T MIND IF I WORK WHILE WE TALK DO YOU. MISS THE GUILT TRIFTS YOU LAID ON ME... THE ENDANGERED SPECIES... NUCLEAR ENERGY... ALL MY FAULT!

DID YOU DO ALL OF THESE DRAWINGS? THEY'RE NOT BAD!



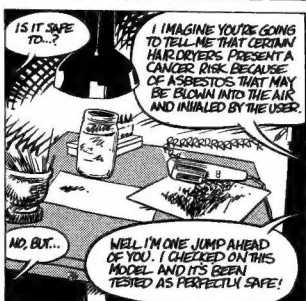
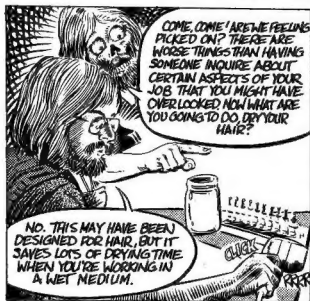
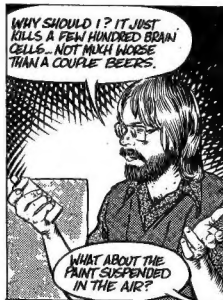
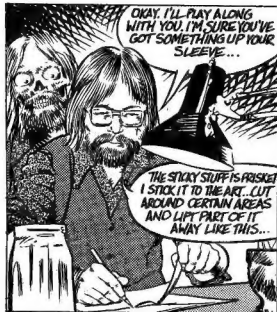
HEY, ARE YOU LISTENING? I'M SERIOUS! I'M TRYING TO DO MY BITT! I'VE CUT MY ENERGY USE WAY DOWN, I TAKE THE BUS... I'M IN AN ANTI-NUKE GROUP, GREENPEACE, THE SIERRA CLUB... IF THE WORLD'S STILL DETERIORATING, DON'T THANK ME!

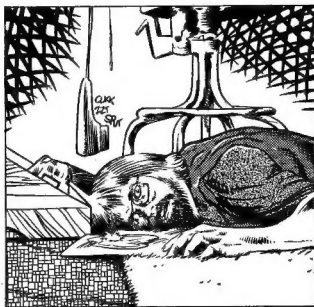
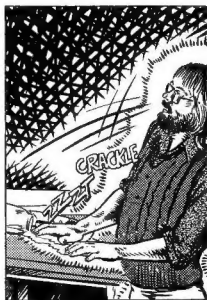
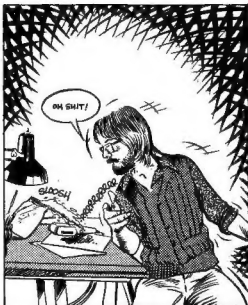
AAHHH... AN ADHESIVE WITH BENZENE ONE OF MY FAVORITE CARCINOGENS!



SO WHAT IS IT... WHAT DID YOU COME TO HARASS ME ABOUT THIS TIME?

NOTHING! YOU'VE GOT ME ALL WRONG! I DON'T ALWAYS COME TO HARASS PEOPLE! NOW CALM DOWN AND TELL ME WHAT HAPPENS AFTER YOU LAY THAT STICKY PAPER ON TOP OF YOUR DRAWING...







OUR PEACEFUL INCURSION TO YOUR PLANET WAS JUST IN TIME. IN ADDITION TO POLITICAL STABILITY, WE WILL BRING YOU THE CULTURE THAT YOUR WORLD SO SEVERELY LACKS ON MARS THE FNINYMAGZIN OR "COMIC BOOK" AS YOU CALL IT IS THE HIGHEST ACHIEVEMENT OF THE FINE ARTS, NOT AN AMUSEMENT FOR CHILDREN AND THE DULL-WITTED. INDEED, YOUR FNINYMAGZINS ARE NOT ONLY POOR IN QUALITY, BUT POLITICALLY INCORRECT TO AN ALARMING DEGREE. I MUST STRONGLY URGE YOU TO WILLINGLY RE-EDUCATE YOURSELF WITH THESE WORTHWHILE FNINYMAGZINS!

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